NENYOS NEWSLETTER

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November Fundraiser

Many thanks to all the members and orchid friends who traveled to Colonie for a chance to party with some serious orchids at the auction. It was a great fundraiser for our club! As Janet Vinyard and others tried to point out, the auction is our primary method of filling the coffers to provide for speakers, gift plants and other goodies.

Obviously the crowd took the message to heart and enjoyed the collection of orchids available for sale. Christina Anderson still worked hard to encourage bidding and provide info and personal thoughts about plants. News from Treasurer Janet, "We brought in over $3,600+. Am proud to say member donated orchids amounted to $1,367.

"Our highest bid of $125 went to #4 which was that fabulous Cattleya bowringiana donated by Wake Gardner who told me tonight that it is a 27 yr old plant!

"2nd highest bid of $90 went to plant #14, the Dendrobium Mini Snowflake with So-so -so many blooms. (what will that look like in 27 years?)

"That was followed closely by # 15, the select Brassavola nodosa and an $80 bid

Phragmipedium from the auction.

"Like any bell curve, the nuts and bolts of the bidding was in the $30-60 range, which certainly lets us know that those bidding were clearly supporting the society.

"There was a significant group of bidders who clearly supported the society with their total purchases.

"We had 50 persons sign up to bid and 14 went away without winning a bid."

Thank you so very much!! This success helps all through the year.

However, our totals don't reflect the small snafu of a flat of plants not making it to the auction. They were accidentally left at their caretaker's house and generated much discussion at the event. The good news was they were safe and sound and not smashed on the roadside where they might have fallen off the car if they had managed to get further along their trip to the November auction!

End result…..we will be having a small Silent Auction during the Holiday Event in December for whoever wants to come and get the remaining plants. We should note, several stalwart bidders bought plants not knowing if they were still alive and healthy because they wanted the variety!

So once again, thank you ALL for participating, donating, buying, volunteering, bringing food, eating and generally showing up at our Auction – It was great!

By Sandy Buxton II

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At first glance I love this photo. It really tells a story. You have the orchid being displayed, the plate being held up, the auctioneer acknowledging the bid, and a young lady looking at the bidder in pure joy. I think it really sums up the meeting all in one photo! - Philip R. McDavid

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Upcoming Meetings

December 2—Holiday Event in Colonie

January 13 —Annual Luncheon at Woolfert's Roost

February 3 - In –House Hands-on Meeting—Growing Hydroponically in Colonie

March 3—TBA in Colonie

April 7—Beginning Orchid Growing in Colonie

May 5—TBD in Colonie

June 9—Piping Rock Open House in Galway

The Newsletter is looking for other members interested in being columnists, photos or helping out. Please email buxtonsandy@gmail.com if you are interested!

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2017

Donna Wardlaw	Co-President
Janet Vinyard	Co-President & Treasurer
Deb Lambeth	Secretary
Sandy Buxton	Director
Mark Conley	Director
Alex Shepherd	Website
Stan Lee	Past President
Sandy Buxton	AOS Rep
Patty Boggs	Name Tags
Joan Gardner	Refreshments
Bob Odess	Raffle
	Greeter

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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events in the Northeast

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Thursday, December 14, 2017 American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton@ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Open to All
Please join Ron McHatton, AOS Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions to stillilsch@cox.net by Sunday, December 10th.

Register now using this link:https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2847045007049760515

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc. CTOS—Connecticut OS
STOS—Southern Tier OS MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS
C heck www.aos.org/events before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. Everything published in Orchids magazine is also on the web page

Beginner Talks – with Alex Shepherd are a chance for members to learn some basic information to help improve their orchid growing habits and knowledge. The programs take place before select meetings.

Here's what's we have for Beginner Talks in 2017:

December **Leaves** They provide tons of info which can help you understand your plant and what it wants

Show Off Extra Blooms

If you have plants in bloom which didn't get a chance to visit the Show Table for your moment of fame, take heart.

Alex is willing to prep photos that are emailed to her so they will be visible before the next meeting. Just email shepherd@nycap.rr.com the information.

A Thank You to NENYOS (Card was at Nov. meeting)

October 2017

Dear Janet, NENYOS Board and Members,

Please accept my sincere thank you for all of the thoughtfulness you have shown after the passing of my mother, Jane. Thank you so much for the flowers, the generous donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory, the orchid and the lovely card with such kind words.

A special thank you for the beautiful tribute to her that was printed in the October newsletter.

NENYOS was such a special part of her life. She enjoyed many happy years participating in all your various activities. She always spoke so highly of everyone involved and valued the friendships that were made.

Her love for raising orchids and her involvement with NENYOS afforded her much happiness.

Thank you to all.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stealey and family of Jane Smith, NENYOS member

Reminder for December Holiday Meeting—December 2

Members will be permitted to bring plants to sell at the meeting since there is not formal speaker. Please label the plants to help any new owners wrestle with follow up information.

Remember there will also be a Silent Auction with the plants that missed the November Auction. There may be some Fdk, Epicattleyas, Sarcochilus and Dendrobiums in the mix...and maybe others.

Please bring a holiday goodie to share as we enjoy spending time with our orchid friends. There will also be a Show Table which will generate discussion as always…

November Elections Completed

Mark Conley was elected to the NENYOS Board again to continue filling out a position. Thank you to the members at the November meeting who voted.

Elaine Grega brought Oncidium Twinkle 'Red Fire' for Show—grown under lights.

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2017 AUCTION & Activities

Island Sun Orchids –
Karen Kimmerle; PO Box 909, Keaau, HI

Lehua Orchids
Mountain View, HI
808-968-8898
www.lehuaorchids.com

Piping Rock Orchids
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Woodstock Orchids –Elaine Grega
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Reminder—February Meeting is a Hands-on Event with Drew Monthie

GROWING ORCHIDS HYDROPONICALLY

February is a tricky month weather-wise, but we hope you will be enticed out into the cold to join us for a hands-on and participatory session dealing with orchids grown hydroponically.

Drew Monthie grows many of his plants in clay pellets very successfully as evidenced by the orchids he shares with us at the Show Table and Auction donations.

The plants arrive at the auction and await moving to their assigned locations on the tables.

Wake Gardner, long time NENYOS member and orchid grower is dwarfed by one of the plants he donated to the Auction. It was our winning bid $125!!

Wake told the new owner he had owned the plant for 27 years!!!

More goodies arriving, carried in by Bob Sharp.

Co-Prez Donna Wardlaw makes announcements while everyone waits on pins and needles for the fun to start.

Bob Phillips holds one of the odder appearing orchids in the auction. One of the true benefits of NENYOS is learning that all orchids do not look, smell or grow in the same manner!

The goodies started to pile up around some members as the event continued.

For many, it was a little like Christmas morning.

This Cymbidium was literally bursting out of its pot at the auction. Dick Doran has always told us most Cymbidiums don't like to be transplanted or divided so when you finally do it, be bold and just do it.

I hope the new owner was

THE NOVEMBER 2017 AOS CORNER– From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com).

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Natural disasters seem to be effecting us all recently and we hope that this newsletter finds you and your family safe. Along with them they bring extreme challenges to our beloved orchids. Remember that the AOS is your resource where you can find a myriad of helpful information to aid your plants recovery. Below you'll find some more Hurricane tips that come from the AOS website at Hurricane Season. Remember to share what's working for your society members on the Affiliated Societies Facebook Page. We love when you share.

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Getting started early is essential to your success and makes the entire process enjoyable for all. If you're considering a "Kids' Corner" in your show we want to help promote the love of everything orchid in young eager minds. Recently, we were made aware of "Orchidgami". They're really lovely and very good quality. Check them out on the North America Native Orchid Center website. You can download a pdf to see what they look like. If you want you can use scissors. There is a list of 11 orchids currently available as pre-punched, creased, double side printed cardstock for $.50 each. (price discount is available for bulk orders)It's a fun activity developed to raise awareness about conservation and ecology of native american orchids and in our experience the kids love them. Don't forget to check out the AOS Kids' Corner for ideas. E-mail your included activities for children to Sandy Stubbings, AOS Education Committee Chair, to: sstubbings@comcast.net.

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. It's really wonderful to seesuch a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Don't forget to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn't have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.

Here's the link to check it all out: AOS.org

Hurricane Season is still not over… here are some more useful tips:

(Please note that the AOS does not endorse the use of any specific chemical agents. If you choose to follow recommendations given by a contributor make sure to adhere to all local, state and federal laws in the use of these agents. Take the time to learn how to use them safely and follow manufacturers usage instructions.)

What to Do Before, During and After a Storm

by Sue Bottom, sbottom15@gmail.com

Routine Activities During the Summer – The heat and humidity of summer are upon us, we've got orchids growing outside and they love the afternoon storms.

Here are some things to think about:

- Coarse Potting Mix – may be a good choice so if we get afternoon showers every day, the pot will drain and the roots will have the air they love so much around them. Even if you add bark or coconut husk to your mix for a little moisture retention, the clay pebbles or lava rock, charcoal, expanded perlite, etc. in the mix the will help the pot drain quickly. The coarser the mix, the more it has to be watered so if it does not rain, you will have to water every couple of days. The extreme would be to use no mix at all, such as when an orchid is mounted or grown in a basket, but without rain you will be watering daily. A sphagnum or pure bark based mix may be much too water retentive to grow successfully outdoors when you cannot control when and how much rain the plant receives.

- Precautionary Sprays – are used by some growers to prevent the ubiquitous critters, bacteria and fungi from damaging your plant; other growers choose only to spray when a problem is detected. If you choose a precautionary spray program, choose one day that you can remember, say the first of each month, and spray with a combination insecticide, a miticide and a fungicide all in one, like Bayer 3 in 1, Orthenex, Safer 3 in 1 etc., using label instructions. Spray early in the morning or late in the afternoon when temperatures are lowest. Spray all the exposed surfaces, pseudobulbs and the bottom and top of the leaves, but avoid spraying the flowers to prevent spotting of your glorious blooms.

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Deadline is November 30, 2017 for Dillon/ Peterson Essay Prize

Please remind your society members that the AOS is still accepting entries for the 2016 Gordon W. Dillon/Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. They should let their imaginations run wild and the winner will receive a cash prize and certificate suitable for framing. **This year's theme is: Species or hybrids?.**

Which do you prefer and why? Do you grow hybrids because of their cultural adaptability and reliable blooming (sometimes more than once a year) or do you grow species because of the challenge and diversity? This is a chance to show off some of your favorite orchids as you use them to illustrate your points!

Membership in the American Orchid Society is not necessary to enter the contest. The deadline is November 30, 2017. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the June issue of the following year.

Contest Rules:

♦ The essay must be an original, unpublished article.

♦ The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.

♦ Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length.

♦ Manuscripts must be submitted in English, typewritten and double-spaced or submitted in Word or other compatible electronic format.

♦ Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.

Vanda falcata 'Mi Suegra Mercedes' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Irma Saldaña

♦ Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition. Non-winning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These non-winning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of Orchids and may be used in Orchids or other AOS publications including the AOS website.

Email all entries to Ron McHatton at rmchatton@aos.org. Paper submissions should be mailed to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize at AOS headquarters: Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Orchids Illustrated – Gymnadenia
- Genus of the Month – Trichocentrum
- The New Refugium Botanicum - Cattleya schilleriana
- Dendrobium section Spathulata hybrids
- A Novice's Adventure in Hybridizing
- OrchidRoots.org
- Further demystifying Fûkiran (Vanda [Neofinetia] falcata)

ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!

16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and nonmembers.

Let's grow together,

Denise Lucero

Cattleya violacea (Semi-Alba Flamea) 'Mirtha Isabel' FCC/AOS; Photographer: Glen Barfield

Show Table Tales

Donna Wardlaw brought a great Dracula rezekiana with a monkey face in the bloom.

Donna also brought back her tiny Lepanthes telipogoniflora with a bloom. Was here in October too.

John Raymond and Phil Rudko brought Phal. Lindenii 'Strios' a species from the Philippines grown in their natural light solarium.

And a red Catt I didn't catch the name of

Wilsonara Pacific Panache 'Red Heaven' was quite a looker, brought by John and Phil.

And they brought Ondontocidium St. Anthony of Egypt 'Fragrant Beauty'.

Elaine Grega brought several mounted orchids and Oncid. Sunlight 'Hilo Honey' (left) and

(right) Rodriguez Lanesolota. Both are grown under lights and spend their summers outside.

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NEXT MEETING

December 2, 2017

1:30 p.m. Announcements and Beginner Talk

1:50 p.m. Show Table,

2:10 Holiday gathering and discussion.

Member plant sales are allowed and encouraged

Questions and Raffle

The meeting is at the William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie (Loudonville, 12211)

…..**Congratulations!** October Raffle Winners: (and many thanks to the members who donated plants to the Raffle)

Raffle winners

Donna Wardlaw	John Raymond
Delores Cinnemea	Gil O'Brien
Wake Gardner	Kris Komjathy
Janet Wierzchowski	Joan Gardner
Sandy Buxton II	Patty Boggs
Diane Knight	Kim Mullinax
Phil Rudko	Bob Sharp
Janet Vinyard	Dot Hargett
Jianhua Jane Wang	Priscilla Johnson
Mary Cinnamea	

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Raffle Winners

Don't forget, Raffle winners are asked to bring a "goodie" to the next meeting (November) to help celebrate their good fortune.